Investigation report of bomb blast at Madras

1226. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investiga tion of a powerful bomb bias: in the RSS Office at Madras last year ruled out the involvement of Pakistani mili tants (ISI);

(b) if so, whether thos$_e$ identified as the main accused, have fled to Pakistan;

(c) if so, whether Government was. able to track down the persons involved in the blast in Madras RSS Office; and

(d) whether action has been taken against the accused persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) During the investigation of the case relating to bomb blast in the RSS Headquartes of Madras evidence of involvement of Pakistani Agents has ^{not} £°^{m}e on record. 12 accused persons have been arrested during the course of investigation and presently they are in judicial custody. The presence of one more accused wss secured through Court. Five accused person are absconding. They have been declared proclaimed offenders by the Court. Efforts to arrest ihem are continuing. Chargesheet has been filed against all the_ 18 accused persons ir. the Designated Court. The case Is pending trial.

Minimising period oil detention of under trial prisoners

1227. SHRI S. MADHAVAN WiU the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Jail Manual;

(b) if so, what are the dtfails fhertrf; and

(c) what steps are being taken to re lease the under trial prisoners if the investigation or trial of their cases ex ceeds more than ons year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) 'Prison' being a State subject, it is primarily for the State Governments *to* review the position of the undertrials in jails vis-a-vis the judicial system.

Research on Indian Languages

1228. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHAN-DRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what % the stage of progress of the Scheme of Intensification of Research on Indian Langauges on the basis 'of Data under the Registrar General of Mia;

(b) how much work hag been done on Sanskrit and English languages under this scheme;

(c) what are the reasons for not continuing the original scheme and to finance it from own funds after the Indo Canadian project was abandoned.

(d) what has happened to the unfinish
ed work done before the scheme was abandoned; and

(a) whether Government have anyi intention to revive the said study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINTSTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The Plan project 'Intensification of Research on Indian Languages on the basis of Census Data' has "our separate scheme. The detail$_s$ of the schemes and the progress made are given in the statement enclosed. *(See* below)

Cb) A revised questionnaire has been developed for Sanskrit and English languages and is presently being protested in the field.